

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies
at
St. Hilda's College

PROGRAMME
Meeting room

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023

- 9:00 – 9:10 A.M. Introduction and Welcome
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Presenter: **Huong Mai Xuan Tran**, Doctoral Student, KU Leuven, Belgium
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- 1:00 – 1:30 P.M. Topic: Bearing Reality: Towards Pastoral Theology in Light of the Apostles' Creed
Presenter: **Mason Lee**, Assistant Professor, Abilene Christian University, US
- 1:30 – 2:00 P.M. Topic: Design Theory and Interfaith Leadership and Ethics
Presenters: **Michael MacKay**, Associate Professor, Brigham Young University, US
- 2:00 – 2:30 P.M. Topic: Engaging Hypotheticals: Groundwork for the Theological Study of Religious Ideas in a Secular Academic Context
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- 2:50 – 3:20 P.M. Topic: Inscribing Islamic Unity under an Imperial State: The Eighteenth-Century Turkish Inscription on the Imam Ali Shrine
Presenter: **Mohammad Amir Hakimi Parsa**, Lecturer, New York University
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- 3:20 – 3:50 P.M. Topic: The Transcendental and the Political: The Secular Dilemma in the Narratives of the Muslim Brotherhood Members.
Presenters: **Doha Abdelgawad**, Lecturer of Contemporary Islam, University of Chester,
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- 3:50 – 4: 20 P.M. Topic: Education for ‘Spiritual Felicity’: A Critical Discourse Analysis of al-Ghazālī’s: The Criterion of Action
Presenter: **Amani Elshimi**, Senior Instructor of Rhetoric and Composition, The American University in Cairo, Egypt
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Dr Alexander holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in chemistry. She obtained an M.D. degree from the University of Louisville School Of Medicine and afterwards did her pediatrics internship and residency at the Children's Medical Center and Parkland Hospitals of Dallas, Texas. She taught pediatrics for two years at the University of Texas Southwestern before moving to Louisville, Kentucky, where she held dual appointments in the Department of Pediatrics and Family Medicine as well as teaching medical ethics and directing the well-baby clinic at the at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She directed the Family Medicine Residency Program for three years before serving as Dean of Students at the Louisville Medical School. Her career also includes six years at Virginia Tech where she was Director of Student Health Services, and advised the pre-med committee. Dr Alexander spent seven years in private practice in rural Kentucky before returning to the University of Louisville where she taught pediatrics until recently. She serves as pediatric consultant to the Kentucky State board of Medicine.

David Martin

Dr David Martin, is a former Headmaster of a state school in the United Kingdom. He taught leadership courses at the University of Amsterdam and lectured at Oxford University. Dr. Martin has been an International Consultant for Secondary School Modernization in Trinidad and Tobago and in Guyana. He has, also, worked for the Inter-American Development Bank, and has served as Co-Director of Developing Schools and Services for Democracy in Europe and in Oxford. In addition he has served as a Research Fellow in Comparative Education and Development programmes at the University of Reading